

# The Seven Angels Of Revelation



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**And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven,** clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow [was] upon his head, and his face [was] as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: *Revelation 10:1*

**And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven,** having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, *Revelation 14:6*

**And there followed another angel,** saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. *Revelation 14:8*

**And the third angel followed them,** saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, *Revelation 14:9*

**And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven,** having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. *Revelation 18:1*

**And I saw an angel come down from heaven,** having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. *Revelation 20:1*

God's Spirit has illuminated every page of Holy Writ, but there are those upon whom it makes little impression, because it is imperfectly understood. . . . **Daniel and Revelation must be studied, as well as the other prophecies of the Old and New Testaments.** Let there be light, yes, light, in your dwellings. For this we need to pray. **The Holy Spirit, shining upon the sacred page, will open our understanding, that we may know what is truth.** . . . *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 112

**These matters are of infinite importance in these last days;**... The book of Daniel is unsealed in the revelation to John, and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth's history.

Will our brethren bear in mind that we are living amid the perils of the last days? **Read Revelation in connection with Daniel. Teach these things.** Ibid., page 115

We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is about to be set to work. **Past history will be repeated;** old controversies will arouse to new life, and **peril will beset God's people on every side.** Intensity is taking hold of the human family. It is permeating everything upon the earth. . . .

Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for **history will be repeated.** . . . We, with all our religious advantages, ought to know far more today than we do know. Ibid., page 116

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## *Earth’s Final Warning*

# Introduction

In the book of *Revelation* we find several sets of sevens. First, there are the seven churches, then the seven seals, followed by the seven trumpets, and finally the seven last plagues. But, within the context of the last three of the seven trumpets, there are also seven angel messengers to the world.

Most, if not all, Adventists are very familiar with the series of messages known as “The Three Angels’ Messages” of Revelation Chapter 14, and also the “Loud Cry of the Fourth Angel” of Revelation Chapter 18. But not many are familiar with the other three angel messengers connected with this sequence of messages to the world.

The pioneers of the Adventist church in their International “Sabbath-School Lesson” for July to December, 1888 (Lesson III and IV) (available online at [AdventistArchives.org](http://AdventistArchives.org)) taught that the first, or Primary Angel, in this succession announces the three woes. They go on to say the first woe deals with the spread of Mohammedanism, the second woe advances the same concept, and then they ask; “With what is the third woe connected?” Then they do not even write down the answer because it is so obvious.

Thus, the founding fathers of Adventism established a direct link between the rise and spread of Islam and the Third Angel’s Message. They did not consider this to be in any way a deviation from their message about the beast power, otherwise known as the man of sin, but an extension of that same teaching.

We need to prayerfully meditate on, and evaluate the following counsel;

**The Lord will not lead minds now to set aside the truth that the Holy Spirit has moved upon His servants in the past to proclaim.**

Many will honestly search the Word for light as those in the past have searched it; and they see light in the Word. But they did not pass over the ground in their experience, when these messages of warning were first proclaimed.

Not having had this experience, some do not appreciate the value of the truths that have been to us as way-marks, and that have made us as a peculiar people what we are. They do not make a right application of the Scriptures, and thus they frame theories that are not correct. It is true that they quote an abundance of Scripture, and teach much that is true; but truth is so mixed with error as to lead to wrong conclusions.

...These persons do not consider that the truth has been set forth at the appointed time by the very men whom God was leading to do this special work. These men followed on step by step in the very fulfillment of prophecy, and **those who have not had a personal experience in this work are to take the Word of God and believe on "their word" who have been led by the Lord in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages.**

It is true that there are prophecies yet to be fulfilled. But **very erroneous work has been done again and again, and will continue to be done by those who seek to find new light in the prophecies, and who begin by turning away from the light that God has already given.** ...But the Lord does not lay upon those who have not had an experience in His work the burden of making a new exposition of those prophecies which He has, by His Holy Spirit, moved upon His chosen servants to explain. {17MR p. 12 - 15} (Ms 32, 1896) (emphasis supplied)

Consider what A. T. Jones had to say on this topic of the seven Messenger Angels which begins with the three woes;

...Inseparably connected with the last three of the Seven Trumpets, are the Three Woes. In the very midst of the Seven Trumpets -- after the ending of the Fourth Trumpet, and before the beginning of the Fifth Trumpet -- it is written: "And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels which are yet to sound." Rev. 8:13.

That the Three Woes are inseparably connected with the last three of the Seven Trumpets, one with each, is put beyond all question by the fact that, when the Fifth Angel's sounding is ended, it is written: "One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter." Rev. 9:12. And when the Sixth trumpet is ended, it is written: "The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. And the seventh angel sounded." Rev. 11:15.

Now, inseparably connected with this angel which proclaims the coming of the Three Woes, which are inseparably connected with the last three of the Seven Trumpets, is the "Third Angel" of Revelation 14.

That this may be seen as also certain beyond all question, let us begin with the Third Angel's Message of Revelation 14, and trace backward its direct connections to their beginning.

The first words in the record concerning "the Third Angel" are: "And the third angel followed them." Rev. 14:9. This shows that some have gone before, whom the Third Angel "followed."

Take, then, the preceding verse: "And there followed another angel." This shows that an angel has also preceded this one, which, when this one follows, makes it "another."

Go back now to the sixth verse: "And I saw another angel." This also certifies that an angel has gone before, which causes this one, as he flies in the midst of heaven, to be "another."

Following back further in the book of Revelation, we find no angel, except the Seventh Trumpet angel, until we come to the first verse of chapter ten; and there we read: "And I saw another mighty angel." This expression, as

before, certifies that, before this one, there is an angel, which, when this one comes forth, causes him to be spoken of as "another."

Following yet further back, we find no angels, except the Sixth and the Fifth Trumpet angels, until we reach the last verse of chapter eight; and there we reach the primal, for we read: "And I beheld, and heard an angel" -- not "another angel," but, primarily, "an angel."

Thus, beginning with Rev. 8:13, there is an unbroken series of angels connected by the word "another," straight through to the Third Angel of Revelation 14, with his message. Thus: --

"I beheld, and heard an angel." Rev. 8:13.

"And I saw another mighty angel." Rev. 10:1.

"And I saw another angel." Rev. 14:6.

"And there followed another angel." Verse 8.

"And the third angel followed them." Verse 9.

Perhaps the following simple diagram will aid in making plain the connection between the angel that announces the Three Woes of the last three of the Seven Trumpets, and the Third Angel's Message of Revelation 14: --

1st Trumpet Rev. 8:7  
2nd Trumpet Rev. 8:8  
3rd Trumpet Rev. 8:10  
4th Trumpet Rev. 8:12 "An angel" - Woe, woe, woe.  
Rev. 8:13.  
5th Trumpet Rev. 9:1-11/ First Woe  
6th Trumpet Rev. 9:13 to 11:13 Second Woe "Another mighty angel." Rev. 10:1  
7th Trumpet Rev. 11:13-19 Third Woe "Another angel."  
14:6  
"There followed another." 14:8  
"The third angel followed them." 14:9. *The Great Nations of Today*, pages 105-108, 1901 edition

Most people today are not familiar with what the pioneers actually taught and popular teachers have



inevitably brought in new theories. Consequently, a different understanding of this line of prophecy has been accepted by most of God's people. So as we begin our study of the seven angels and the connection between the three woes and the Third Angel's Message, we need to consider the following statements;

I stated that ...there was to be special light for God's people as they neared the closing scenes of this earth's history. Another angel was to come from heaven with a message, and the whole earth was to be lightened with his glory. It would be impossible for us to state just how this additional light would come. It might come in a very unexpected manner, in a way that would not agree with the ideas that many have conceived. --*Letter 22*, 1889.

There are periods which are turning points in the history of nations and of the church. In the providence of God, when these different crises arrive, the light for that time is given. If it is received, there is spiritual progress; if it is rejected, spiritual declension and shipwreck follow. ... But the coming triumph for the men who love and fear God is as sure as that His throne is established in the heavens. *Bible Echo*, August 26, 1895 par. 11

There is to be in the [Seventh-day Adventist] churches a wonderful manifestation of the power of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of the heart by confession and repentance. In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their ideas and expectations they will oppose the work. "Why," they say, "should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?"--*Review and Herald Extra*, Dec. 23, 1890. (emphasis supplied)

**The third angel's message will not be comprehended**, the light which will lighten the earth with its glory will be called a false light, **by those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory**.—*Review and Herald* May 27, 1890. (emphasis supplied)

How shall we search the Scriptures in order to understand what they teach? We should come to the investigation of God's word with a contrite heart, a teachable and prayerful spirit. ...

... If there are those whose faith in God's word will not stand the test of an investigation of the Scriptures, the sooner they are revealed the better; for then the way will be opened to show them their error. We cannot hold that a position once taken, an idea once advocated, is not, under any circumstances, to be relinquished. ...

**Those who allow prejudice to bar the mind against the reception of truth cannot receive the divine enlightenment.** Yet, when a view of Scripture is presented, many do not ask, Is it true--in harmony with God's word? but, By whom is it advocated? and unless it comes through the very channel that pleases them, they do not accept it. ...

The Lord often works where we least expect Him; He surprises us by revealing His power through instruments of His own choice, while He passes by the men to whom we have looked as those through whom light should come. God desires us to receive the truth upon its own merits--because it is truth. ...

...Beware of rejecting that which is truth. The great danger with our people has been that of depending upon men and making flesh their arm. Those who have not been in the habit of searching the Bible for themselves, or weighing evidence, have confidence in the leading men and accept the decisions they make; and thus **many** will reject the very messages God sends to His people, if these leading brethren do not accept them. ...

Truth is eternal, and conflict with error will only make manifest its strength. *Testimonies to Ministers* pages 105 - 107 (emphasis supplied)

## Three “Woes” and Seven “Angels”

As we have already seen, the sequence of seven angels, of which the Third Angel’s Message is the central issue, begins with the angel who announces the three woes. So the first question we need to consider is, why would God purposely begin the chain of prophecies that includes the Third Angel’s Message with the announcement of the three woes?

There is only one logical answer, and as we study the subject, the conclusion will become very obvious. We know the Papacy is behind all that is being done, but what they are doing in the open is a smokescreen. The master plan they have devised, and are attempting to execute right now is through other instrumentalities, so as not to expose themselves for what they really are.

Satan is not stupid, and we are warned that if it were possible, he would deceive even the very elect. What we really need to understand is the catalyst that is being instigated and formed by the Papacy to create the Image of the Beast, and why the Image will then pass the Sunday law and finally the death decree.

In the next chapter, we will see that the timing of the Seventh Trumpet and the third woe is exactly the same, and coincides perfectly with the giving of the Third Angel’s Message. In Revelation, especially in Chapters 11, 14, 16, 18, and 20, we are given events that will transpire during the third woe. But only in Chapter 9 are we given the identity of the principal players that will be used to bring the first two woes upon the earth.

Therefore, the Primary Angel of Revelation 8:13 announces the three woes, and thus makes a direct connection between all the woe trumpets and the rest of

the messenger angels of Revelation. So to determine the identity of the final perpetrator, created by the Papacy, that will be used to inflict the third woe upon the apostate Christian world, we must use biblical principles and sound rules of interpretation.

Several places in the Bible we find sequences of three applications or phases of prophecy:

There are 3 Elijahs. The Bible unequivocally tells us there is an Elijah prophet for the last days. "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD" *Malachi 4:5*. God's word does not give us the name of the last day prophet, but supplies the identifiers so we can positively confirm who that person is by their life's work, and by examining the established criteria, we find there is only one person who fulfills all the requirements.

So to understand the mission of the Elijah prophet for today (Ellen White) we must understand the message of John the Baptist, whom Jesus Himself called Elijah. And to understand why Jesus called John the Elijah prophet we must understand the message and mission of the original Elijah.

There are 3 Babylons. To understand the principles of Spiritual Babylon today, we must understand the literal Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar's day, and also the original Babylon that Nimrod built.

There are 3 major Abominations of Desolation. To understand the Abomination that brings the desolation on the church today, we must understand the Abomination of Desolation of Daniel's day, and also the parallel fulfillment in 70 A.D.

There are 3 phases to Rome. To comprehend the principles of the Roman church today, since the deadly

wound was healed, we must understand the purposes and procedures of the Papacy from 538 to 1798 AD before it received the deadly wound, because we are told she never changes. And to understand the beliefs and practices of the early papal church we must understand who and what literal Rome did and why Papal Rome occupies the original city, and its significance. And isn't it amazing that the Catholic church today calls itself the Roman Catholic Church?

We must apply the same principles to the 3 woes. The Bible is always consistent. So to understand the 3rd woe we must understand the 1st and 2nd woes. God's word does not directly tell us "who" is the principal player of the 3rd woe. But if we understand (and we are plainly told) who is involved in the 1st woe, and the same power is found for the 2nd woe, then, following the Bible example and principles of interpretation, we can know for sure "who" is the subject of the 3rd woe, and that, of course, is Islam.

We know beyond a doubt that the first woe deals with the rise and spread of Islam, and the second woe covers the further conquests of that same power. The Bible then gives us the events to transpire under the third woe. So the only systematic deduction that can be reached is the last woe is a direct parallel to the first two woes only enlarged to a global scale.

This follows the biblical principle of interpretation found by comparing Jeremiah 51:60-64, with Revelation 18:21 called "repeat and enlarge", or the worldwide symbolized by the local. In Jeremiah 51, the Bible talks about a relatively small and local event. Speaking of the destruction of literal Babylon, the prophet tells his

servant to take the book and tie a small stone to it and cast it into a small river. *Jeremiah* 51:60-64 says;

So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, [even] all these words that are written against Babylon. And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words; Then shalt thou say, O LORD, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever. And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, [that] thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far [are] the words of Jeremiah.

Then in Revelation 18:21, we see a mighty angel take up a huge stone “like a great millstone” and cast it “into the sea”, a very large body of water. This act now symbolizes the total destruction of the worldwide system of spiritual Babylon. *Revelation* 18:21 says;

And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast [it] into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

It may seem quite amazing that the pioneers of this movement came to the conclusion that the 3rd woe deals with Islam because the Muslim power in their day was known as “the Sick Man of the East”. But they were willing to allow the Bible to explain itself, and that was the only consistent exegesis possible. The only question is, are we willing to do the same?

Please assess what A.T. Jones had to say;

The first Four Trumpets mark the downfall of the Western Empire of Rome; the Fifth and Sixth Trumpets mark the destruction of the Eastern Empire of Rome [by the Muslim power]; and the Seventh Trumpet marks the downfall of all empires, all kingdoms, and all nations; for when the God of heaven sets up His kingdom, "it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms." Dan. 2:44.

The Woe of the Fifth Trumpet was called by Gibbon the "shipwreck of nations;" but the Woe of the Seventh Trumpet will be not only the shipwreck of nations, but of the great globe itself. *The Great Nations of Today*, pages 102-103, 1901 edition

Elder Jones goes on, later in his book, to clearly define the Muslim power, the executor of the third woe with its seat in Turkey, as the King of the North.

Coming back to the seven angels we need to notice some of their distinctive features: Four are described as "flying in the midst of heaven" and three are said to "come down from heaven". To better understand what God is trying to tell us, we will group the angel messengers by their phraseology;

And I beheld, and heard an angel **flying through the midst of heaven**, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! Revelation 8:13

And I saw another angel **fly in the midst of heaven**, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Revelation 14:6

And **there followed another angel**, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Revelation 14:8

And **the third angel followed them**, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, Revelation 14:9 (emphasis supplied)

By analogy, the Angels of Revelation 14:8 and 9 should be considered as “fly[ing] in the midst of heaven” because they follow along with the Angel of verse 6. All four of these messengers are depicted as communicating an announcement from Heaven “to the inhabitants of the Earth”.

There is another interesting aspect of this group of four messenger angels. As John “beheld” them one after another he says he only “heard” the Primary Angel of Revelation 8:13, but he “saw” the Three Angels of Revelation 14:6-12 “fly in the midst of heaven”. This puts the primary focus on the Three Angels of Revelation 14, but yet they must be understood in the context of the Primary Angel that announces the three woes.

The other three angels are portrayed in a slightly different manner although John also “saw” them “come down from heaven”. This puts them on the same level of importance with the Three Angels of Revelation 14:6-12;

And I saw another mighty angel **come down from heaven**, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow [was] upon his head, and his face [was] as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: Revelation 10:1

And after these things I saw another angel **come down from heaven**, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. Revelation 18:1



And I saw an angel **come down from heaven**, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.  
Revelation 20:1 (emphasis supplied)

We know the Angel of Revelation 10:1 is Jesus, though Jesus is not an angel as we usually understand the term. The name here means messenger, and Jesus is that messenger. Therefore, it is Jesus Himself who “come[s] down from heaven” to reveal His truth to His people and announce the beginning of the Advent movement as it is described in Revelation Chapter 10.

The proclamation of the remnant church and the message they are commissioned to give to the world is so important that it is represented as being proclaimed by Jesus Himself, and not delegated even to Gabriel. Jesus then communicates the details of this message to us, and guides us through the perils of these last days, through His chosen messenger who is His channel of communication to us;

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:  
*Malachi 4:5*

...To make ready a people prepared for the Lord. *Luke 1:17*

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. *Revelation 12:17*

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See [thou do it] not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.  
*Revelation 19:10*

The Angel of Revelation 18:1 once more symbolizes Jesus taking the reins in His own hands to give the final warning to the world;

"Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, ...when the work goes forward under the direction of the angel who joins the third angel in the message to be given to the world. God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that He is taking the reins in His own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness."-- *Last Day Events*, page 203

Again, it is only Jesus who can be described as "having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory". Furthermore, only those who are being sealed by God, and reflect His image perfectly to the world, will have enough trust to remain faithful in the face of the death decree. Only they will be used by Him to give "The Loud Cry" as they "follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth".

Lastly, the Angel of Revelation 20:1 personifies Jesus as well, in the person of the 144,000 after they have been sealed and probation has closed. They will remain perfectly true and steadfast to their God by the faith of Jesus which has been written in their hearts;

Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own. *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 69

The work of the 144,000 is not a work of salvation, but of vindication. Therefore, this angel is not said to

“follow”, but is set apart, in one sense, from the other angels. And yet this message is a continuation of, or rather, the culmination of, the preceding messages. The purpose of the 144,000 is a demonstration to vindicate the throne of God by their perfected faith, submission, and conformity to His law. And they will do it while enduring the fiercest trials and temptations that Satan can throw at them;

Here is the patience [endurance] of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. *Revelation 14:12*

They will verify before the entire universe that God is just, and He is the justifier of all who return unto Him in true repentance and contrition. By their unwavering obedience they will demonstrate that faith in Jesus can indeed keep you from falling;

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, *Jude 1:24*

And they will do it in the sight of a Holy God without an intercessor;

And he saw that [there was] no man, and wondered that [there was] no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. *Isaiah 59:16*

The “no man” and the “no intercessor” are both a reference to Jesus. Isaiah was amazed when he saw that Jesus had left the Most Holy Place and was no longer interceding for His people on Earth. This is

indeed the culmination of the work of the gospel, which is the finishing of “the mystery of God”;

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.  
*Revelation 10:7*

Four mighty angels are still holding the four winds ... and the winds will be the stirring up of the nations to one deadly combat, while the angels hold the four winds, forbidding the terrible power of Satan to be exercised in its fury until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.

Angels are holding the four winds, which are represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path.

A terrible conflict is before us. We are nearing the battle of the great day of God Almighty. That which has been held in control is to be let loose. The angel of mercy is folding her wings, preparing to step down from the throne and leave the world to the control of Satan. The principalities and powers of earth are in bitter revolt against the God of heaven. They are filled with hatred against those who serve Him, and soon, very soon, will be fought the last great battle between good and evil. ...

While their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels and bid them hold until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads. *My Life Today* p. 308

# The Time of the Third Angel's Message

In Revelation Chapter 11, beginning with verse 14, we have the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet, the third woe. In this line of prophecy we have what is called an inversion. The Angel begins by foretelling the eternal reign of Jesus and then in verse 17 declares that Christ “hast taken to [Himself His] great power, and hast reigned”.

This is looking forward to the time when Jesus has set up His kingdom. Therefore, this takes us all the way to the end of the millennium after the fire has done its cleansing work, Jesus has recreated the Earth, and established His eternal kingdom.

The Angel then, in verse 18, takes us back through the way-marks that lead up to the eternal reign of Christ. Then, following down to verse 19, the Angel presents the event that marks the opening of the Seventh Trumpet, which was the opening of the Temple of God in Heaven to the understanding of His people on Earth. And then the sequence of proceedings is reversed again and we are given events that occur during the seventh plague and which immediately precede the Second Coming of Christ;

The second woe is past; [and], behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. *Revelation 11:14-19*

We will again give a rather lengthy quote from A. T. Jones' book. It seems best to allow him to show the correlation between the Seventh Trumpet and the Third Angel's Message because he has always been considered one of the leading authorities on the subject;

...The Sixth of the Seven Trumpet angels ceased to sound Aug. 11, 1840; and ...then, as says the Scripture, "The Second Woe is past; and, behold, the Third Woe Cometh quickly." Rev. 11:14. The Third Woe and the Seventh Trumpet are identical in time.

When "the seventh angel sounded," said the prophet, "there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever."

The prophet also said, "The nations were angry." This we have seen fulfilled in the nations since 1844, even to the present hour...

Now we wish it to be clearly seen, and it may be, that the events here named [in Revelation 11:14-19] are identical with those of Rev. 14:6-20 -- the threefold message -- and 16:1-21 -- the consequences of rejecting that threefold message. The events of Rev. 14:6-20 and 16:1-21 are but an explanation in full of those mentioned in Rev. 11:18, 19, as the events of the sounding of the

Seventh Trumpet unto its ending. To make this plain, we shall here bring together the statements of Rev. 11:18, 19, -- the further events of the Seventh Trumpet -- and the corresponding statements of chapters 14 and 16.

1. "And thy wrath is come." Rev. 11:18. The Third Angel says, "If any man worship the Beast and his Image, . . . the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God." 14:9, 10. In the seven last plagues is filled up the wrath of God; with the last of these come the lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, the earthquake, and the great hail, which come under the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet. 15:1, 6-8; 16:17-21.

2. "The time of the dead, that they should be judged." Rev. 11:18. This time of the dead, that they should be judged, is the same time referred to in Rev. 14:6, 7, in which the threefold message carries still the everlasting gospel to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, yet saying with a loud voice to all, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come." ...

That this "hour" of judgment is not the great day of Judgment, which comes at the end of the world, but is a time that precedes the end of the world, is shown by the fact that two other messages follow this one before the coming of the Lord and the end of the world. ...

3. "That thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great." Rev. 11:18. This time of reward is at the coming of Christ; for He says: "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." 22:12. Again He said: "Thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just." Luke 14:14. But His coming follows immediately the Third Angel's Message, for, says the prophet, "I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle." "And He that sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped." Rev. 14:14, 16. This "harvest is the end of the world." Matt. 13:39.

4 "And shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth." Rev. 11:18. "Another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great wine-press of the wrath of God." Rev. 14: 17-19.

Here are shown two reapings. One is by the Son of God, reaping the harvest of the earth, gathering the wheat into the garner of God. The other is to gather together those who are to be cast into the wine-press of the wrath of God. ...

This same result is shown by John the Baptist under another figure: "He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Matt 3:11, 12

5. "And the temple of God was opened in heaven."

The sanctuary, the temple, of the Levitical law was a figure of the sanctuary, the temple, of the gospel. Heb. 9:9, 11,23. That was on earth, this is in heaven. That was made with hands, and was pitched by man; this was made without hands, and was pitched by the Lord. Heb. 9:9, 23, 24; 8:2; 9:11. That on earth had two apartments, or holy places, -- the holy place, and the most holy place -- this in heaven likewise has two apartments or holy places. Heb. 9:2-7, 24. And the ark of the Testament was in the most holy place. The service of that sanctuary was by the men of the Levitical priesthood, and with the blood of beasts; the service of this sanctuary is by Christ the Lord, of the Melchisedec priesthood, and with the blood of Christ himself. Heb. 7:9, 6, 9, 12-14, 22-26; 8:1. The service of that sanctuary was completed once a year, by the high priest's ministry in the most holy place; the service of this, when completed, is once for all. Heb. 9:7, 25, 26; 10:3, 10.



The last work of the annual service in that sanctuary was upon what was called the day of atonement; and the service, principally performed in the most holy place, was called the cleansing of the sanctuary -- the taking away of all the sins that had been conveyed into the sanctuary by the service of the priests at the confessions and sacrifices of the people during the year that then ended. Lev. 23:27-32; 16:2-34. The last work of the once-for-all service of the heavenly sanctuary will be the great day of everlasting atonement; and the service will be to take away forever all the sins that have been borne by our High Priest, at the confession of believers, and the offering of Him by faith as our sacrifice: as He offers himself in fact in our behalf.

This is also called the cleansing of, not the earthly, but the heavenly, sanctuary. As the cleansing of the earthly sanctuary was the last work for that year in behalf of that people, so the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary will be the last work forever in behalf of any people. As the cleansing of the earthly sanctuary was the very last day of that annual round of service, so, whenever the world shall have reached the time of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary, the world will then have entered upon the very last days of the work of the gospel. And when the sanctuary shall have been cleansed, the gospel -- the mystery of God -- will have been "finished as He hath declared to His servants the prophets." ...

That this can not be applied to the earthly sanctuary is made certain by the statement, in Dan. 9:26, that after the cutting off of the Messiah, the people of the prince that should come (the Romans) "should destroy the city and the sanctuary." And Christ said that when these should be destroyed, Jerusalem should be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Luke 21:24....

The cleansing of the sanctuary, the work of the atonement under the Levitical law, was a work of judgment. For, said the Scripture, "Whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people." Lev. 23:29. Whoever did not make confession of sin that day, could have no part in the

atonement that was made that day; and when the sanctuary had been cleansed, and atonement made, he was to be cut off without mercy -- he had no other chance, his probation was gone. Under the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet it is written that there is come "the time of the dead that they should be judged;" and the First Angel of the threefold message says, "The hour of His judgment is come."

Therefore, in the time of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary, which is now, in the atonement made once for all, whosoever shall not confess his sins, and be partaker of the intercession of Christ, can have no part in the atonement of Christ; and when that sanctuary shall have been cleansed, and that atonement made, he will have to be cut off without mercy -- he can have no other opportunity, his probation will be ended. Of such it will be said, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still." No longer will the precious, cleansing blood be applied. These are they who shall wring out and drink the dregs of the cup that is in the hand of the Lord (Ps. 75:8); these are they who "shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation." Rev. 14:10.

The heavenly temple, the most holy place, was opened in A. D. 1844. At that time the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary began; and, in the very nature of the case, must soon close. We are now living in the great day of atonement. Now is the time when it is urgent upon everyone to confess his sins, to put away all his transgressions, to be a partaker of the intercession of Christ, to wash his robes, and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. For since 1844 the Seventh Angel has been sounding; soon the mystery of God will be finished, the work of the gospel will be closed, and the unmixed wrath of God and the Lamb will be poured upon all the wicked of the earth.

6. "And there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament." Rev. 11:19. Why is this called the ark of His testament? -- Because within it is His testimony, as there was in the earthly temple, which was a pattern of the

heavenly. "In the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee." Ex. 25:21.

But what was the testimony, or testament, that was put in the ark? "He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God." Ex. 31:18. "And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables." Chap. 32:16.

These tables Moses broke when he came down from the mount and found the people given up to idolatry. Then said the Lord to Moses: "Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou breakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark." Then said Moses: "I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand. And He wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly; and the Lord gave them unto me. And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the Lord commanded me." Deut. 10:1-5.

This ark was called the ark of the testimony, or testament, because in it were the tables of the testimony which God gave to Moses, and that testimony was the ten commandments. It is this alone that gave it the title of the ark of the testimony.

We have seen that this sanctuary, or temple, on the earth was only a pattern, or figure, of the sanctuary, or temple, in heaven. Therefore, that testimony, which gave to the ark of the earthly sanctuary the title of the ark of the testament, must be identical with the testimony that gives to the ark in heaven the title of the ark of His testament; that is, the ten commandments. Now this temple of God in heaven is opened at the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet; then is shown the heavenly ark of His testament, in which are the ten commandments -- the tables of His holy law; and connected directly with this stands Rev. 14:12, -- the

Third Angel's Message, -- saying, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God."

7. "And there were lightnings, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail." Rev. 11:19. This is identical with the record of the events of the Seventh Plague. For, says the Scripture, "The Seventh Angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. . . . And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great." Rev. 16:17-21

But the seven last plagues comprise the wrath of God. This wrath is poured upon those who worship the Beast and his Image; upon those who refuse to keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And the Third Angel's Message is to warn men against that worship, that they may escape this wrath; and it calls upon them especially to "keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

These things show that these three messages of Revelation 14, and the wrath which is foretold by the Third of these, and the coming of the Lord which follows the Third, represent events referred to as occurring when the Seventh Angel shall be sounding. It is therefore certain that in the days of the voice of the Seventh Angel, when he shall begin to sound, the Third Angel's Message of Revelation 14 is due to the world.

Here we must refer again to Rev. 10:7, where the angel declares with an oath that "in the days of the voice of the Seventh Angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished." These being prophetic days, -- each day for a year, -- the expression says: In the years of the voice of the Seventh Angel, when he shall begin to sound. The Seventh Trumpet, the Third Woe, covers all the woe that will ever be on this earth from the time when this

Trumpet begins to sound. But the mystery of God is to be finished in the years when it begins -- not at the latter part, nor at the end, but in the beginning. Whenever, therefore, the Seventh Angel begins to sound, the finishing of the mystery of God is close at hand....

There can be no question that the mystery of God is the gospel of God, that the mystery of Christ is the gospel of Christ; for it is called the "gospel of God," as well as the "gospel of Christ" (1 Peter 4:17; 1 Thess. 2:2: 9; 1 Tim. 1:11): and properly enough so, for Christ is "God with us" (Matt. 1:23), and "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." 2 Cor. 5:19.

The mystery of God being the gospel, when the angel said that the mystery of God should be finished, he was but saying, according to these scriptures, that the gospel should be finished. The gospel "is the power of God unto salvation." Therefore to say that the mystery of God -- the gospel -- should be finished, is but to say that the power of God for the salvation of men will cease to be exercised.

Again, the mystery of God is God manifest in the flesh, "Christ in you the hope of glory." The finishing of that mystery will be God alone manifest: Christ in His completeness revealed: in the flesh in those who believe in Him. Accordingly, the grace of Christ and the gifts of His Spirit are given "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come, in the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Eph. 4:7-13.

So then, according to the explanation given in these scriptures, the angel of Rev. 10:7 says, In the days -- the years -- of the voice of the Seventh Angel, when he shall begin to sound, the gospel should be finished, the power of God for the salvation of men shall cease to be exercised; and the work of God in Christ in those who truly believe in Him, will be completed unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, "as He hath declared to His servants the prophets."

Upon all these counts it is certain that it was in A. D. 1844, that the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary began; it is certain that it was in 1844 that the Temple of God was

opened in heaven; it is certain that it was in 1844 that there began the time of the dead that they should be judged, and when it could be truly said, The hour of His judgment is come; and by all these certainties it is increasingly certain that it was in A. D. 1844 that the Seventh Trumpet angel began to sound.

All these things are but the events that occur in the days of the voice of the Seventh Angel when he begins to sound. And as we have found that this Seventh Angel began to sound in 1844, then it was, and onward, that the Third Angel's Message is due to the world. When this message is finished, the mystery of God will have been finished. When this message closes, the work of the gospel will be closed. And when the seven last plagues, which are pronounced by this message against those who worship the Beast and his Image, shall be poured out upon them who have the Mark of the Beast, and upon them who worship his Image, -- with the pouring out of the last of these comes the end of the world.

Therefore, now is the time when there is danger of being drawn into the worship of the Beast and his Image. The people now living in the great nations of to-day are the ones who are concerned in this. People now living are they who will be called upon to make an Image to the Beast. The great nations of to-day are they who will be summoned, and will summon, to the worship of the Beast and his Image. And the people of the great nations of to-day are the people who will be warned by the message of God against all those things, and will be called to the keeping of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, because "the hour of His judgment is come."

When at the culmination of the anger of the great nations of to-day, there comes that "time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation," only those can be delivered who "shall be found written in the book." Dan. 12:1. On God's part, the Third Angel's Message is the culmination of the events of the Seventh Trumpet. Therefore it is perfectly plain that the Third Angel's Message is the gracious call of God to all men, and supplying the means to all, to enter their names in the

Book of Life, that so they may be delivered in this time of trouble, such as never was. And this is doubly emphasized by the fact that the Third Angel's Message warns all men against the worship of the Beast and his Image; and "all they that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [the Beast] whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13:8.

Is your name in the Book of Life? Do you [truly] believe in Jesus? *The Great Nations of Today*, pages 115-133, 1901 edition

Solemn events before us are yet to transpire. Trumpet after trumpet is to be sounded, vial after vial poured out one after another upon the inhabitants of the earth. Scenes of stupendous interest are right upon us. *Letter 112*, 1890

The seal of the living God will be placed upon those only who bear a likeness to Christ in character.

As wax takes the impression of the seal, so the soul is to take the impression of the Spirit of God and retain the image of Christ.

Many will not receive the seal of God because they do not keep His commandments or bear the fruits of righteousness.

The great mass of professing Christians will meet with bitter disappointment in the day of God. They have not upon their foreheads the seal of the living God. Lukewarm and halfhearted, they dishonor God far more than the avowed unbeliever. They grope in darkness, when they might be walking in the noonday light of the Word, under the guidance of One who never errs. . . .

Those whom the Lamb shall lead by the fountains of living waters, and from whose eyes He shall wipe away all tears, will be those now receiving the knowledge and understanding revealed in the Bible, the Word of God. . . .  
*Maranatha*, page 241

## “The Nations were Angry” (Understanding the Third Woe)

Ample information is given in Revelation Chapter 9 concerning the first two woes so that we can determine “who” the prophecy is talking about. There can be no doubt that the locusts referred to in Chapter 9 represent the Muslims. This understanding is established beyond question by comparing the “woes” of Chapter 9 with the book of *Joel*. (Ask for our study on *The King of the North in the Book of Joel*)

When we come to the third woe we are given many events to occur during that period. But we are not told “who” is the principal actor involved that will bring the terrible destruction described in that line of prophecy. However, the Bible always gives us enough information to be able to determine everything we need to know if we only know where to look for that information.

As we have already established, the only logical conclusion we can come to in determining “who” is involved in the third woe is that it is the same power that is described in the first and second woes. This is the only valid exegesis we can arrive at if we are going to follow the counsel we are given;

We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is about to be set to work. **Past history will be repeated**; old controversies will arouse to new life, and **peril will beset God's people on every side**. Intensity is taking hold of the human family. It is permeating everything upon the earth. . . .



Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for **history will be repeated**. . . . We, with all our religious advantages, ought to know far more today than we do know. *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 116 (emphasis supplied)

This counsel is an echo of what the Bible tells us;

The thing that hath been, it [is that] which shall be; and that which is done [is] that which shall be done: and [there is] no new [thing] under the sun. *Ecclesiastes* 1:9

If we use any other method to try to determine “who” is involved in the third woe we are sure to come to the wrong conclusion. We must be very careful as we seek to understand just what God is trying to tell us;

Error is never harmless. It never sanctifies, but always brings confusion and dissension. It is always dangerous. The enemy has great power over minds that are not thoroughly fortified by prayer and established in Bible truth. *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, page 46

Let us thank God that we can know for certain just what the truth is for this time, if we implicitly follow His counsel;

Daniel and Revelation must be studied, as well as the other prophecies of the Old and New Testaments. Let there be light, yes, light, in your dwellings. For this we need to pray. The Holy Spirit, shining upon the sacred page, will open our understanding, that we may know what is truth. . . . *Testimonies for the Church*, page 112

Let the watchmen now lift up their voice and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history and seek to

arouse the spirit of true Protestantism... *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 5, page 716

We will now go through the prophecies of the first and second woes verse by verse and follow each scripture with the commentary given by Uriah Smith in his book *Daniel and the Revelation*, 1897 edition. After his comments we will then give the parallel to each verse as it applies to the third woe today. If we can find an equivalent interpretation corresponding to the first fulfillment of the prophecy, then we can know that we have identified the entity involved in the third woe.

We will begin with the introduction to the three woes as it is given in Revelation 8:13;

VERSE 13. "And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound."

This angel is not one of the series of the seven trumpet angels, but simply one who announces that the three remaining trumpets are woe trumpets, on account of the more terrible events to transpire under their sounding. Thus the next, or fifth trumpet, is the first woe; the sixth trumpet, the second woe; and the seventh, the last one in this series of seven trumpets, is the third woe. *Daniel and the Revelation*, page 493, 1897 edition

To determine "who" is involved in the third woe, we can only use what God gives us. Our Lord is always consistent, so it only makes sense that the third woe is a repetition of the first two, only enlarged to a worldwide extent. To follow any other line of reasoning to try to come to the right exegesis is nothing but speculation,

and is sure to lead to gross error. We must have truth, and the only way to arrive at truth is to allow the Bible to explain itself.

**It is not enough to have good intentions; it is not enough to do what a man thinks is right or what the minister tells him is right.** His soul's salvation is at stake, and he should search the Scriptures for himself. However strong may be his convictions, however confident he may be that the minister knows what is truth, this is not his foundation. **He has a chart pointing out every waymark on the heavenward journey, and he ought not to guess at anything.** *The Great Controversy* p. 598 (emphasis supplied)

Sacred history was one of the studies in the schools of the prophets. In the record of His dealings with the nations were traced the footsteps of Jehovah. So today we are to consider the dealings of God with the nations of the earth. **We are to see in history the fulfillment of prophecy, to study the workings of Providence in the great reformatory movements, and to understand the progress of events in the marshaling of the nations for the final conflict of the great controversy.** *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8* p. 307 (emphasis supplied)

**Daniel and Revelation must be studied, as well as the other prophecies of the Old and New Testaments.** Let there be light, yes, light, in your dwellings. For this we need to pray. **The Holy Spirit, shining upon the sacred page, will open our understanding, that we may know what is truth.** . . . *Testimonies to Ministers* p. 112 (emphasis supplied)

The "woe, woe, woe!" was pronounced upon a church who walked in the sparks of their own kindling. *Pamphlet 28*, page 3

# The Parallel to the First Woe

The Seven Trumpets are continued in Revelation Chapter 9 with the first woe trumpet;

VERSE 1. "And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit."

For an exposition of this trumpet, we shall again draw from the writings of Mr. Keith. This writer truthfully says: "There is scarcely so uniform an agreement among interpreters concerning any other part of the Apocalypse as respecting the application of the fifth and sixth trumpets, or the first and second woes, to the Saracens and Turks. It is so obvious that it can scarcely be misunderstood. Instead of a verse or two designating each, the whole of the ninth chapter of the Revelation in equal portions, is occupied with a description of both.

"The Roman empire declined, as it arose, by conquest; but **the Saracens and the Turks were the instruments by which a false religion became the scourge of an apostate church**; and hence, instead of the fifth and sixth trumpets, like the former, being designated by that name alone, they are called woes. {1897 UrS, DAR 495} (emphasis supplied)

The third woe deals with the judgment that is to fall upon the apostate church of today. "The instruments" that God will use now are the same as He used in the past. That is why the angel who announces the three woes is the Primary Angel in the sequence of the Seven Angels.

VERSE 2. "And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great

furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.”

"Like the noxious and even deadly vapors which the winds, particularly from the southwest, diffuse in Arabia, Mohammedanism spread from thence its pestilential influence, - arose as suddenly and spread as widely as smoke arising out of the pit, the smoke of a great furnace. Such is a suitable symbol of the religion of Mohammed, of itself, or as compared with the pure light of the gospel of Jesus. It was not, like the latter, a light from heaven, but a smoke out of the bottomless pit." {1897 UrS, DAR 498}

Islam arose and spread throughout much of the Eastern Roman Empire in the days of Mohammed. It lost its supremacy on August 11, 1840, and then received a deadly wound in World War I when the Caliphate was eradicated. But just as the Papacy received a deadly wound in 1798 and its deadly wound was healed; Islam is again rising to power, and will soon reestablish the true Caliphate. (Not the one that ISIS has declared, at least not yet, because all Islamic tribes must be included to make up the legitimate Caliphate.)

VERSE 3. "And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power."

"A false religion was set up, which, although the scourge of transgressions and idolatry, filled the world with darkness and delusion; and swarms of Saracens, like locusts, overspread the earth, and speedily extended their ravages over the Roman empire from east to west. ...They came as destroyers, propagating a new doctrine, and stirred up to rapine and violence by motives of interest and religion. {1897 UrS, DAR 500.2}

Islam will again be used by God as “the scourge of transgressions and idolatry” upon an apostate church. We are even now watching radical Islam “like locusts, [attempting to] overspread the earth”. “They [are coming] as destroyers, propagating [the resurrection of true fundamental Islam], and stirred up to rapine [the violent seizure of someone’s property] and violence by motives of interest and religion.”

VERSE 4. “And it was commanded from them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.”

After the death of Mohammed, he was succeeded in the command by Abubekr, A.D. 632, who, as soon as he had fairly established his authority and government, dispatched a circular letter to the Arabian tribes, from which the following is an extract:-

“When you fight the battles of the Lord, acquit yourselves like men, without turning your backs; but let not your victory be stained with the blood of women and children. Destroy no palm-trees, nor burn any fields of corn. Cut down no fruit-trees, nor do any mischief to cattle, only such as you kill to eat. When you make any covenant or article, stand to it, and be as good as your word. And as you go, you will find some religious persons who live retired in monasteries, and propose to themselves to serve God that way; let them alone, and neither kill them nor destroy their monasteries. And you will find another sort of people that belong to the synagogue of Satan, who have shaven crowns; be sure you cleave their skulls, and give them no quarter till they either turn Mohammedans or pay tribute.’ {1897 UrS, DAR 500-501}

We are even now living in the time when the seal of God is to be placed upon the forehead of all who will remain true and faithful to their Lord in the face of the

death decree. By primarily using suicide bombers to accomplish their goal they (the jihadists) will not, to a large extent, destroy the earth as it would be by conventional warfare. Natural disasters will occur one after another, but God's people will be sheltered from the calamities. The Lord Himself will have "commanded from them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads."

VERSE 5. "And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man."

"Their constant incursions into the Roman territory, and frequent assaults on Constantinople itself, were an unceasing torment throughout the empire; and yet they were not able effectually to subdue it, notwithstanding the long period, afterward more directly alluded to, during which they continued, by unremitting attacks, grievously to afflict an idolatrous church, of which the pope was the head. Their charge was to torment, and then to hurt, but not to kill, or utterly destroy. The marvel was that they did not."... {1897 UrS, DAR 504}

We have watched as radical Islam has continued to be "an unceasing torment throughout the [world]; and yet they [are] not able effectually to subdue it." Even so, they continue "by unremitting attacks, grievously to afflict an idolatrous church" [today that is enlarged to the apostate Christian nations]. "Their charge was to torment" for a period of time and "hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till [the angel has] sealed

the servants of our God in their foreheads.” *Revelation*  
7:3

VERSE 6. “And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.”

"Men were weary of life, when life was spared only for a renewal of woe, and when all that they accounted sacred was violated, and all that they held dear constantly endangered, and the savage Saracens domineered over them, or left them only to a momentary repose, ever liable to be suddenly or violently interrupted, as if by the sting of a scorpion." {1897 UrS, DAR 504.4}

When the Third Angel’s message closes, those who refuse to accept the seal of God will then receive the Mark of the Beast. They will then be conscious of their final separation from God, and it will torment them until “they have no rest day nor night”;

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. *Revelation* 14:10, 11

VERSE 7. “And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.”

“...The barbed Arabs, swift as locusts and armed like scorpions, ready to dart away in a moment, were ever prepared unto battle.



"And on their heads were as it were crowns like gold.' When Mohammed entered Medina (A.D. 622), and was first received as its prince, 'a turban was unfurled before him to supply the deficiency of a standard.' The turbans of the Saracens, like unto a coronet, were their ornament and their boast...

And the Arabs were anciently distinguished by the miters which they wore.

"And their faces were as the faces of men.' 'The gravity and firmness of the mind of the Arab is conspicuous in his outward demeanor;" {1897 UrS, DAR 504-505}

Fundamental Islamists are ever "prepared unto battle". In any picture or video they are always holding their weapons. And the distinguishing feature of any Muslim today is still the turban they wear, and the gravity and firmness of their character is always apparent.

VERSE 8. "And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions."

"Long hair" is esteemed an ornament by women. The Arabs, unlike other men, had their hair as the hair of women, or uncut, as their practice is recorded by Pliny and others. But there was nothing effeminate in their character; for, as denoting their ferocity and strength to devour, their teeth were as the teeth of the lions. {1897 UrS, DAR 505}

The above verse and quote should need no further comment.

VERSE 9. "And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle."

The Breastplate. - "The cuirass (or breastplate) was in use among the Arabs in the days of Mohammed. ...

"The sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle." Their conquests were marvelous both in rapidity and extent, and their attack was instantaneous." {1897 UrS, DAR 505}

It is amazing that the Bible mentions the breastplate that the Muslims wore, and it is mentioned again in verse 17. Many, many battles are recorded in God's word without mentioning the armor that the soldiers wore. And the fact that the breastplates are described in one manner in verse 9, and differently in verse 17 indicates a dual fulfillment of the prophecy. And "their attack in each case [is] instantaneous."

VERSE 10. "And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months."

The question arises, What men were they to hurt five months? - Undoubtedly the same they were afterward to slay (see verse 15); {1897 UrS, DAR 506.5}

When the true Caliphate is re-formed their first move will be to take Jerusalem for their capital. Then, instead of a few attacks here and there upon the Christian nations, they will mount an offensive with 200,000,000 suicide bombers to take the whole world for Allah.

"And they had tails like unto scorpions." The singular characteristic of a scorpion is that it will commit suicide when confronted. Suicide bombers also intend to "sting" their enemy.

VERSE 11. "And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon."

"They had a king over them." From the death of Mohammed until near the close of the thirteenth century, the Mohammedans were divided into various factions under several leaders, with no general civil government extending over them all. Near the close of the thirteenth century, Othman founded a government which has since been known as the Ottoman government, or empire, which grew until it extended over all the principal Mohammedan tribes, consolidating them into one grand monarchy. {1897 UrS, DAR 506.5}

Soon we will see the Caliphate reestablished, and then they will once again have "a king over them", and as an empire they will be the King of the North.

The character of the king. "Which is the angel of the bottomless pit." An angel signifies a messenger, a minister, either good or bad, and not always a spiritual being. "The angel of the bottomless pit," or chief minister of the religion which came from thence when it was opened. That religion is Mohammedanism, and the sultan is its chief minister. "The Sultan, or grand Seignior, as he is indifferently called, is also Supreme Caliph, or high priest, uniting in his person the highest spiritual dignity with the supreme secular authority." - World As It Is, p.361. {1897 UrS, DAR 506.6}

The Caliphate will be run by the Supreme Caliph once again, whoever that person may be;

His name. In Hebrew, "Abaddon," the destroyer; in Greek, "Apollyon," one that exterminates, or destroys. Having two different names in two languages, it is evident that the character, rather than the name of the power, is intended to be represented. If so, as expressed in both languages, he is a destroyer. Such has always been the character of the Ottoman government. {1897 UrS, DAR 506-507}

Fundamental Islamists are indeed exterminators and destroyers as is becoming more and more evident as each day passes. Their entire intent and purpose is to exterminate all Christians and Jews, and totally destroy any country that stands in their way.

The terrorist attack that just happened in Paris, France, killing 129 and wounding hundreds more, is a prelude to what will soon be coming to tens of thousands of cities in Europe and America. Jihadists armed with assault rifles and suicide vests are only awaiting orders for when the time comes to strike.

These supposed immigrants, who are actually invaders, are setting the stage right now for the soon coming quest to take the world for Allah. The true Caliphate will soon be formed and it will very quickly decimate Jerusalem, and move its seat of government to that location. The newly installed Caliph will then declare global jihad and 200,000,000 suicide bombers will wreak havoc around the globe.

Obama has invited over 200,000 of these people to come to America over the next two years, and untold thousands, or millions more, are already here. That should tell you something.

## **THREE STAGES OF JIHAD**

1. **IMMIGRATE:** Into Western Nations
2. **INFILTRATE:** Western Governments
3. **CALIPHATE:** Implement Sharia Law

# The Repeat of Daniel 11:44

As we near the complete fulfillment of the repeat and enlargement of the first woe, we are seeing yet another prophecy being fulfilled. The prophecy of Daniel 11:44 is also being repeated. Both of these prophecies occupy the same time frame, and both are way-marks that probation is about to close.

There is a new development in the conflict in the Middle East with Russia and Iran forming an alliance against the Sunni factions. We cannot tell exactly where this will lead to, but we need to watch it very closely as it develops. This is an almost exact parallel to the first conclusion of the prophecy which reads;

But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. *Daniel 11:44*

The prophecy says that “tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him”. In the fulfillment in 1853, Russia and Persia came against the King of the North, the Ottoman Empire. Today Persia is Iran. Russia is already “troubling” Turkey and Russian warplanes have repeatedly violated Turkish airspace.

Remember that Russia has wanted Istanbul, (Constantinople) the seat of government of the Ottoman Empire, for centuries and is now beginning to make their power play for control of the area. ISIS still claims to be the legitimate Caliphate, but we need to understand the relationship between ISIS and Turkey. The following, condensed from an independent news article, explains that relationship;

## SOMETHING WORSE THAN ISIS COMING, U.S. WARNED

Terrorists being used, but at the right time, they will be 'disposed of'

ISIS has taken center stage in the global effort to establish Islamic supremacy, surpassing jihadist networks such as al-Qaida and Hamas in prominence. But what if a force is coming that will dwarf the self-declared caliphate and its army, known for its savage brutality against anyone who stands in its path.

One author is warning that's a possibility. In fact, he's suggesting ISIS is simply a tool for the "neo-Ottoman" pretensions of America's supposed NATO ally, Turkey, a power that eventually could surpass Hamas, al-Qaida and ISIS.

...The surging Turkish AKP (Justice and Development) Party of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is now appealing to the country's Islamic heritage and its history as the seat of the Ottoman Caliphate, he said.

..."From the perspective of Turkish President Erdogan, the Kurds are a worse threat than ISIS. The reason is because to Erdogan, Turkish regional dominance, essentially a revived Ottoman Empire, is much more important than the atrocities carried out by ISIS against tens of thousands of non-Sunni Muslims," ...

...Turkey is using ISIS to prepare the geopolitical groundwork for Turkish control over the entire region.

..."There is a Turkish proverb which says, 'Show the people death and they will gladly embrace malaria.' Erdogan is allowing ISIS to do its dirty work in its backyard. He is using them in his war against Assad, the Kurds and Iran. But when the time comes, he will dispose of ISIS, (or allow others to do so) and he will step forward, as a far more appealing Caliph."

...Americans should not underestimate the hunger of Sunni Muslims in the Middle East for a reconstituted caliphate under Islamic law.

“The people clearly want a caliphate, the people clearly want Islamic law, but they do not want it under the oppressive and brutal face of ISIS. Turkey will then set itself forward as the far more appealing alternative. Unfortunately, if the past six years are any indicator, the U.S. will support such a so-called moderate alternative.”

...Furthermore, in ...the "multiple level chess match" of Middle Eastern politics, largely Shiite Iran is moving to aggressively counter bids by the Sunni powers to secure control over the region. Iranian forces have been combating the ISIS for months, and Shiite militias comprise some of the most dedicated fighters on the battlefields in Iraq. And ...these Shiite forces, including those of the Iranian regime, are [driven by their own apocalyptic beliefs.](#)

In the end, ...the geopolitics of the end times are unfolding before the eyes of the current generation. And the multifaceted battle between ISIS, the Kurds and other factions is setting the stage for a larger and potentially far more destructive conflict.

"There is a war that is breaking out right now in the Middle East. It's a conflict between Turkey and Iran. It hasn't become a full-fledged military conflict. But ...there's a strong series of reasons that very well could get there in the future. So this is one of the big issues those watching the Middle East need to be paying attention to in the days ahead." *WND Exclusive*

If this is a repeat and enlargement of verse 44, then Turkey, when it becomes the revived Ottoman Empire, will soon go against Russia (and possibly even the Western Coalition), once more “with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many”. And Turkey has the “power” and is insane enough to do it. Perhaps a prelude to this has already happened with ISIS downing the Russian Metro jet, and declaring they will cause Russian blood to flow like the waters of the sea.

Jeremiah 49:37 also says God “will cause Elam [Iran] to be dismayed before their enemies”. This word

“dismayed” is unusual and interesting. And we know that the Sunni powers want to eliminate the Shiites (primarily Iran) to “cleanse” their religion in preparation to the reforming of the Caliphate, and according to the prophecy this is exactly what will happen. Jeremiah Chapters 50 and 51 immediately follow this prophecy and describe the destruction of spiritual Babylon (the Papacy) which will follow these events.

This is a multi-level chess match for control of the oil-rich Middle East by these godless nations, with the Papacy pulling the strings from behind the scenes. And the Papacy ultimately wants Jerusalem for her prize because she plans to once more rule the world from there. This is the fundamental reason the Papacy created Islam in the first place.

When the true Caliphate is finally formed, and apparently that will be very soon, then that “power” will move its seat of government to Jerusalem, just as all of our pioneers predicted. The pope will also use the ensuing global jihad, with all of its atrocities, to bring about his Sunday law and death decree. And the Papacy is preparing the world for this move even as we speak, while the pope presents himself to the world as the savior of mankind.

This is total insanity, and will end in the destruction of the whole world, and Jesus will step in at the last moment to save His people. The King of the North (the revived Ottoman Empire) will come to his end at the sixth plague, and then Jesus will return and destroy the man of sin (the Papacy) by the brightness of His coming just as the pope is ready to seat himself on the throne of the world at Jerusalem.



# The Parallel to the Second Woe

VERSE 12. "One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter. 13. And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God. 14. Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 15. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men."

The first woe was to continue from the rise of Mohammedanism until the end of the five months. Then the first woe was to end, and the second to begin. And when the sixth angel sounded, it was commanded to take off the restraints which had been imposed on the nation, by which they were restricted to the work of tormenting men, and their commission was enlarged so as to permit them to slay the third part of men. This command came from the four horns of the golden altar.

The Four Angels. - These were the four principal sultans of which the Ottoman empire was composed, located in the country watered by the great river Euphrates. These sultans were situated at Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus, and Bagdad. Previously they had been restrained; but God commanded, and they were loosed. {1897 UrS, DAR 507-508}

When the parallel to the first woe, the repeat of the Fifth Trumpet, ends, probation for the world will close. And remember, the parallel to the Fifth and Sixth Trumpets occurs during the time of the Seventh Trumpet. Then "the restraints which [have] been imposed on the nation, by which they [are] restricted to the work of tormenting men", will be removed, and they will go forth to try to conquer the world for Allah.

Notice, the Revelator "heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God." This

shows that in the first fulfillment Jesus has not yet entered the Most Holy Place, and when we come to the parallel fulfillment He has left the Most Holy Place and has stopped to linger at the Golden Altar. This signifies that, at this time, probation will linger for only a very short window of time as the saints are being sealed.

The arms and mode of warfare which were used in the siege in which Constantinople was to be overthrown and held in subjection were, as we shall see, distinctly noticed by the Revelator. {1897 UrS, DAR 509.3}

Two times in the prophecy God calls attention to the “breastplates” that are worn by the Muslims. Our Lord wants us to “distinctly notice” the “arms and mode of warfare” being introduced.

VERSE 16. “And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand; and I heard the number of them”

Innumerable hordes of horses, and them that sat on them! ...”The myriads of Turkish horse overspread a frontier of six hundred miles, from Taurus to Erzeroum; and the blood of 130,000 Christians was a grateful sacrifice to the Arabian prophet.” Whether the language is designed to convey the idea of any definite number or not, the reader must judge. ... {1897 UrS, DAR 509.5}

It is quite intriguing that the book “Fast Facts on Islam” by John Ankerberg and John Weldon reveals a very amazing statistic. They (while not knowing anything of the prophecy as we know it) say that there are over 1.6 billion Muslims in the world, and out of that number approximately 200,000,000 of them are radical fundamentalists. The exact number “of the army of the

horsemen” foretold in verse 16. Can you even imagine an army of 200,000,000 suicide bombers? It is indeed a very chilling thought.

The build-up to this prophecy is being fulfilled right now. We need to realize that the immigration of the people who are supposedly being displaced from the war torn areas of the Middle East actually constitute an invasion of the army of jihad.

To be sure, there are many legitimate refugees who need help, but consider these excerpts from the following news article found on the internet;

## **What is a Hijrah? --A MUST read!!!**

Hijrah is jihad by emigration. It means moving to a new land in order to bring Islam there and is considered in Islam to be a holy and revered action. “And whoever emigrates for the cause of Allah will find on the earth many locations and abundance, and whoever leaves his home as an emigrant to Allah and His Messenger and then death overtakes him, his reward has already become incumbent upon Allah.” (4:100) So if a Muslim dies in the process, that's essentially the same as being a suicide bomber, his reward is automatic. This explains the great eagerness to undertake such a perilous journey.

Go watch the videos of those "refugees" again. How many of the "refugees" are 17-25 year old men? [97%]

Other Muslim countries are not "taking in" these "refugees" because this is a hijrah into Europe. This is no humanitarian crisis. It is an invasion. Its goal is to transform Europe: overtax its economies, tear down its wealthiest nations, re-draw the demographics and, of course, the culture. *WND*

This is not an immigration, but an invasion. Think about it, when global jihad is declared these young jihadists will already be in place and ready to detonate

their suicide vests and bombs. Tens of thousands of Islamists are already here in the United States, and in all Christian nations, making bombs in the basements of their houses in preparation for the global jihad.

An army of suicide bombers would never mount a frontal assault like a conventional army landing on a beachhead. No, they would have to infiltrate peacefully into the nations they want to destroy so they would already be in key positions when the global jihad is declared, and this will happen as soon as the true Caliphate is formed.

The preparation for the parallel fulfillment of the second woe is the prelude to the final phase of the third woe. God is showing us one more way-mark in the fulfillment of the prophecy so we can know that the King of the North moving to Jerusalem and the close of probation is imminent.

VERSE 17. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone."

...Fire, representing a color, stands for red, "as red as fire" being a frequent term of expression; jacinth, or hyacinth, for blue; and brimstone, for yellow. And these colors greatly predominated in the dress of these warriors;. ... The heads of the horses were in appearance as the heads of lions to denote their strength, courage, and fierceness; while the last part of the verse undoubtedly has reference to the use of gunpowder and firearms for purposes of war, which were then but recently introduced. As the Turks discharged their firearms on horseback, it would appear to the distant beholder that the fire, smoke, and brimstone issued out of the horses' mouths.{1897 UrS, DAR 510}

Our attention is again drawn to the breastplates of the horsemen. The description, given here by the Revelator, of “having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone” is quite remarkable. The “fire” and “jacinth” are a perfect description of an explosion, and brimstone (sulphur) is the main ingredient in gunpowder.

This is an illustration of a suicide bomber detonating his vest. This is a “recently introduced” mode of warfare today. It is true there were Japanese kamikaze pilots in World War II, and “sappers” in Viet Nam, but never have suicide attacks been used as a primary mode of warfare until now.

VERSE 18. “By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. 19. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails; for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.”

These verses express the deadly effect of the new mode of warfare introduced. It was by means of these agents, - gunpowder, firearms, and cannon, - that Constantinople was finally overcome, and given into the hands of the Turks.

In addition to the fire, smoke, and brimstone, which apparently issued out of their mouths, it is said that their power was also in their tails. It is a remarkable fact that the horse's tail is a well-known Turkish standard, a symbol of office and authority. The meaning of the expression appears to be that their tails were the symbol, or emblem of their authority. The image before the mind of John would seem to have been that he saw the horses belching out fire and smoke, and, what was equally strange, he saw that their power of spreading desolation was connected with the tails of the horses. Any one looking on a body of cavalry with such banners, or ensigns, would be struck with this unusual or remarkable appearance, and would

speaking of their banners as concentrating and directing their power. {1897 UrS, DAR 514}

It is quite possible that a “third part of men” (one third of the population of the Earth), though it is a dreadful thought, could be killed by the suicide bombers that are coming. As the horse’s tail was used as a standard that the Muslims flocked to, the black banner of the Jihadists is drawing reinforcements from all over the world.

The thought of what is about to happen is staggering, but are we not told that what came upon Jerusalem in 70 AD is but a faint shadow of what will come upon the entire world. This is the final judgment upon an apostate church and an impenitent world.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from [one] end of the earth even unto the [other] end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. *Jeremiah 25: 32 and 33.*

And the songs of the temple shall be howling in that day, saith the Lord GOD: [there shall be] many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast [them] forth with silence. *Amos 8:3*

VERSE 20. “And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21. Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”

God designs that men shall make a note of his judgments, and receive the lessons he thereby designs to convey. But how slow are they to learn! and how blind to the indications of providence! ...The worship of devils(demons, dead men deified) and of idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, may find a fulfilment in the saint worship and image worship of the Roman Catholic Church; while of murders, sorceries, (pretended miracles through the agency of departed saints), fornications, and thefts in countries where the Roman religion has prevailed, there has been no lack.

The hordes of Saracens and Turks were let loose as a scourge and punishment upon apostate Christendom. Men suffered the punishment, but learned therefrom no lesson. {1897 UrS, DAR 517}

Verses 20 and 21 are a direct parallel to the fourth and fifth plagues of Revelation Chapter 16. Those who receive the Mark of the Beast, and yet are “not killed by these plagues” will “repent not of the works of their hands”. Instead they will continue to “blaspheme the God of Heaven” until they are consumed by the brightness of His coming.

And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

*Revelation 16:9-11*

As we have seen in this chapter, the time in which we are now living is a perfect parallel to the first woe as the terrorists continue to torment the Christian nations. Soon, very soon, the period of conquest of the second

woe will be repeated when the Caliphate is formed and global jihad is declared. There will be untold death and destruction, but this time, thank God, the King of the North “shall come to his end, and none shall help him.”

The King of the North will be destroyed at the beginning of the sixth plague. We will compare Revelation 16:12 with Revelation 9:14;

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.  
*Revelation 16:12*

Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. *Revelation 9:14*

If the “loos[ing] [of] the four angels which were bound in the great river Euphrates” was the loosing of the Muslim power, then the “dry[ing] up” of the river would be the destruction of that same power. This will leave a vacuum in the oil-rich Middle East and all of the great nations of today will rush to the area to try to take possession of the oil, and this will precipitate the Battle of Armageddon.

Then, at the end of the seventh plague, the Papacy will be destroyed by the brightness of Christ’s coming. Remember, the King of the North will come to his end at the beginning of the sixth plague. This proves, beyond question, that the Papacy and the King of the North are two separate and distinct entities. Both will be destroyed, one after the other, the controversy will be ended, and then Jesus will give to His saints their eternal inheritance.



# The Seven Angels in Their Order

As we look at the sequence of the Seven Angels a very remarkable picture comes into focus. Beginning with the Angel of Revelation 8:13 there is a very definite relationship established between the three woes and all of the messenger angels of Revelation. This certifies that the rise and spread of Islam is directly involved with the giving of what is called the Third Angel's Message.

Then in Revelation 10:1 we have the second Angel in the succession of messages. This is Jesus Himself, announcing the beginning of the Advent movement as the book of Daniel is unsealed. At the commencement of this last remnant church there was a misinterpretation of the event that happened in 1844. This caused a great disappointment and there was a mighty sifting and shaking that separated the chaff from the wheat. But then the remnant that remained were told;

And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. *Revelation 10:11*

This demonstrates beyond all controversy that this remnant church was given the last message and the final warning for the world;

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. *Matthew 24:14*

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. *Revelation 14:6 and 7*

Following the proclamation of what is called The First Angel's Message of Revelation 14:6 and 7 we have the declaration of the fall of Babylon (the churches who refused to accept the message of the first angel) in verse 8 of the same Chapter;

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Immediately thereafter we have the most dreadful warning in all the Bible found in verses 9-11;

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

In contrast to those who receive the mark of the beast and suffer the seven last plagues we find the saints who will be redeemed in verse 12;

Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

As we have already demonstrated, the Three Angel's Messages, as found in Revelation 14:6-12, "follow" the proclamation of the remnant church. To fully accept and remain faithful to this message is what seals God's elect. But the vast majority turn from it to seek the favor of the world, and the things of the world.

The organization of this last day movement would go into apostasy and there would be a coming out by those who refused to accept the new theology coming in. Satan thereby attempted to do away with the very purpose of the church, but a faithful remnant of the remnant would remain to uphold the truth;

And the dragon was wroth with the woman [the church], and went to make war with the remnant [the last remaining residue] of her seed [her lineage leading up to the last days], which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. *Revelation 12:17*

And then, even this remnant of the remnant would have to be mightily shaken and only a very small "residue" would remain to give the loud cry;

And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? *Ezekiel 9:8*

This residue of the remnant is all that will be left to give the loud cry after the death decree has been passed. But these faithful few who have proved to the universe that they love God more than life itself will give the last call to an apostate church and an impenitent world as symbolized by the next angel in the sequence;

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. *Revelation 18:1-4*

These saints, who give the loud cry, will receive the seal of God. They have settled into the truth as it is in Jesus and they refuse to worship the Image of the Beast, and receive his mark, by keeping Sunday;

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: *Revelation 13:15, 16*

Then the Catholics bid the Protestants to go forward, and issue a decree that all who will not observe the first day of the week, instead of the seventh day, shall be slain. And the Catholics, whose numbers are large, will stand by the Protestants. The Catholics will give their power to the image of the beast. And the Protestants will work as their mother worked before them to destroy the saints. But before their decree bring or bear fruit, the saints will be delivered by the Voice of God. *Spalding and Magan, p. 2*

Satan will at this time personate Christ, and this will be the crowning, almost overmastering, delusion;

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. *2 Corinthians 11:14*

The masses will be desperate to escape the ravages of the third woe;

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: *Luke 21:26*

Satan will promise to save them from the terrible destruction that is coming on the earth if they will bow down to the image. "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him" except for the very elect who abide by the Word of God alone. Only they will purpose in their hearts to "follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth". And they will be the ones represented by the last angel in the sequence as we will see in the next chapter.

Dear friends, God is calling you to come out and stand with the true last-day remnant church. Do you have enough faith to remain true to God in the face of death? Jesus will give you that faith if you will only submit your life fully to Him.

Just as Noah gave the last call to get on the ark, God is today calling His people to forsake the world and the worldly churches and enter His ark of safety. Sadly, most will harden their hearts and reject the last call of mercy just as they did in Noah's day. The vast majority want this world and the things of the world.

But there is room in the ark for all who would enter. Even so, you must make that decision or you will be found outside when the flood comes. In Noah's day it

was a flood of water, today it will be a flood of suicide bombers.

But as the days of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. *Matthew 24:37*

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the LORD, [which is] my refuge, [even] the most High, thy habitation; Psalm 91:7-9



# The Angel of Revelation Chapter 20

Many are familiar with at least a part of the subject of the 144,000, but we need to grasp the full significance of that special group. This is revealed to a large degree with the Angel of Revelation Chapter 20. We need to rightly interpret the symbolism used in *Revelation 20:1-3* so we can have a working knowledge of the subject at hand;

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

*Revelation 20:1-3*

The fulness of the proclamation of this Angel has been neglected because it has no message for the salvation of sinners. Rather, it is a demonstration, after probation closes, to all the intelligent beings in the universe. The purpose of this Angel (the company of people giving this message by the testament of their lives) is to vindicate God's throne by proving, once and for all, that the commandments can be perfectly kept, even under the fiercest assaults of Satan, and without an intercessor.

And he saw that [there was] no man, and wondered that [there was] no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

*Isaiah 59:16*

The “no man” and the “no intercessor” are both a reference to Jesus. Isaiah was amazed when he saw that Jesus had left the Most Holy Place and was no longer interceding for His people on Earth and their probation had closed. During that fearful time, coming in the very near future, the last day remnant will have to live in the sight of a holy God without sinning.

But they have settled into the truth and have received the seal of the living God. They have the faith of Jesus and are kept from transgressing, even once, by His power;

Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.  
*Revelation 14:12*

Now they are symbolized by the Angel of *Revelation* 20:1-3, and that same group, the 144,000, is also typified by the “fit man” of *Leviticus* 16:20-26. Ellen White makes the connection between these two passages of scripture in the following comment;

...When the work of atonement in the heavenly sanctuary has been completed, then in the presence of God and heavenly angels and the hosts of the redeemed the sins of God's people will be placed upon Satan; he will be declared guilty of all the evil which he has caused them to commit. And **as the scapegoat was sent away into a land not inhabited, so Satan will be banished to the desolate earth, an uninhabited and dreary wilderness.**

The revelator foretells the banishment of Satan and the condition of chaos and desolation to which the earth is to be reduced, and he declares that this condition will exist for a thousand years. After presenting the scenes of the Lord's second coming and the destruction of the wicked, the prophecy continues: "I saw an angel come down from



heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season." Revelation 20:1-3. *The Great Controversy*, page 658 (emphasis supplied)

The "fit man" leads the scapegoat away into the wilderness, a symbol of this Earth during the millennium, just as the angel of *Revelation 20* casts Satan into the bottomless pit, another symbol of this Earth during that same time;

Every mention of the bottomless pit, or deep, or abyss, both in the Old Testament and in the New, seems plainly to refer to our earth, or some part of it, in some form, or at some time. And in the most emphatic sense, after our earth has been turned upside down by the awful convulsions of the great day, and made utterly desolate, we understand it to be fully fitted to constitute the place of Satan's confinement, termed in this prophecy the bottomless pit. A strong confirmation of this view is found in the fact that this expression is used in the Septuagint in Gen.1:2, where the earth, while yet without form and void, is spoken of as the deep; Greek, the bottomless pit. And the Hebrew original signifies the same. And it is predicted that our earth shall be reduced to this condition again. Jer.4:23. J.N. Andrews, *The Judgment, Its Events, and Their Order*, pages 128-129

The Angel of Revelation 20 and the "fit man" are both called to fulfill their mission at the end of the day of atonement. They are, therefore, one and the same, and are used to illustrate the calling and responsibility assigned to the 144,000;

And Aaron [representing Jesus] shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat [Satan], and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send [him] away by the hand of a fit man [the 144,000] into the wilderness: *Leviticus* 16:21

And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water [he must be perfectly clean, and “be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints”]. , and afterward come into the camp [Heaven]. *Leviticus* 16:26

The Angel of Revelation Chapter 20 that “come[s] down from heaven, [is also said to have] the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand”. But what does the “key”, and the “great chain” represent? The “great chain” signifies two things, but first we will look at what the “key” symbolizes;

And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. *Isaiah* 22:22

We can see by this scripture that the term “key” represents authority. This shows that the 144,000 are given the authority by God to “[lay] hold on the dragon, ...and [bind] him a thousand years”. They are given this authority because they have proved themselves to be faithful in the face of the death decree, and have received the seal of God. Thus they have fully verified that Satan is a liar and a deceiver, and that “the law [is] holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good”. *Romans* 7:12. And they will continue to keep God’s law through the great time of trouble without an intercessor.

This revelation is what fully exposes Satan, and now he can be bound to this Earth for a thousand years with no one left to tempt. The righteous will all be taken to Heaven during this time and the wicked will lie dead upon the face of the Earth and the whole globe will be wrapped in total darkness;

I beheld the earth, and, lo, [it was] without form, and void; and the heavens, and they [had] no light.

I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

I beheld, and, lo, [there was] no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place [was] a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, [and] by his fierce anger.

For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.

For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken [it], I have purposed [it], and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

*Jeremiah 4:23-28*

This will be the dreary prison house of Satan and his angels for a thousand years. All they will be able to do is think and reflect on all the sin and misery they have caused to be committed since the fall of man. It will indeed seem like a “bottomless pit” because it will be wrapped in total darkness. And Satan, who has claimed the prerogatives of God, will not be able to create even one blade of grass, or produce one ray of sunshine.

Next we will look at the “great chain”. First of all, it symbolizes that Satan is to be bound to this Earth. It is not just a chain, but a “great chain” indicating that it is more than sufficient to “[bind] him a thousand years”;

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast [them] down to hell, and delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; *2 Peter 2:4*

For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see [you], and to speak with [you]: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain. *Acts 28:20*

But what else does the chain held by the 144,000 represent, by which they are able to bind Satan?

The law of God was not given to the Jews alone. It is of world-wide and perpetual obligation. "He that offendeth in one point is guilty of all." Its ten precepts are like a chain of ten links. If one link is broken, the chain becomes worthless. Not a single precept can be revoked or changed to save the transgressor. While families and nations exist; ...—so long must the divine law control us. When God no longer requires men to love him supremely, to reverence his name, and to keep holy the Sabbath; when he permits them to disregard the rights of their fellow-men,...—then and not till then, will the moral law lose its force. *Signs of the Times*, January 19, 1882, paragraph 14

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all. *James 2:10*

The chain, therefore, represents the law of God. When God's people demonstrate that His law can be kept perfectly, they are sealed for everlasting life. This living testament to God's truth and righteousness is what "[lays] hold on the dragon, ...And cast[s] him into the bottomless pit, and shut[s] him up, and set[s] a seal upon him". When God's saints receive the seal for eternal life, Satan's fate is sealed for eternal destruction. He will then be bound to this Earth for 1,000 years while the judgment of the wicked is carried out in Heaven.

# The Importance of the 144,000

In ancient Israel, when the grain was ready to be gathered in, it could not be harvested until the wave sheaf, the first-fruits of the harvest, was presented before the Lord. Of course Jesus was primarily represented in this ceremony, being the first-begotten from the dead. But the Bible tells of another group which it describes as a kind of first-fruits to be presented before the Lord before the righteous can be redeemed;

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. Revelation 14:1-4 (emphasis supplied)

All who have died in faith, from Adam to the last saint who dies before Jesus returns, will be resurrected. But, before this can take place the 144,000, the first-fruits, must demonstrate to the universe that they have gained the victory over sin through faith in Jesus. They put the capstone on the plan of salvation by proving that Jesus can save us **from** sin. Only then can our Lord raise the vast multitude of all the ages to everlasting life;

And these all [who have died in faith], having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us [the 144,000] should not be made perfect. *Hebrews 11:39, 40*

For the earnest expectation of the creature [every created being] waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God [the 144,000]. *Romans 8:19*

The Apostle Paul, looking forward in vision to the time of the 144,000 and the resurrection of the just, was shown these events as if he was actually there. Notice how he includes himself as being “alive and remain[ing] [to be] caught up together with them in the clouds”;

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. *1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17*

So why is every created being in the universe waiting for the manifestation of the 144,000? Because Satan will bring the charge against the Lord that He is unjust for casting him (Satan) down to Hell if He grants eternal life to mankind who has sinned.

When Jesus came here as a man, He lived a perfect life without sin, and proved that His Father’s law could be kept here on this Earth. But Satan cried “no fair”, and told Jesus He could do it because He is God, but fallen man could never be restored, because they were sinners. Perhaps many never attained to a perfect life of victory, though they were striving to follow the Lord.

But there will be a people who will gain the victory over sin, notwithstanding they had formerly been transgressors of the law. They, the first-fruits, will demonstrate to the universe that God's law can be kept here on this Earth, under the most trying circumstances, as Satan brings every temptation imaginable against them. And they, after they have been sealed, will live in the sight of a Holy God without an intercessor. They will go through the great time of trouble, the seven last plagues, without sinning even once.

Then Jesus will point to them, the 144,000, and say that if all those who had gone before had had all the light that it was the privilege of the last generation to receive, they would have gained the victory too. Thus, Jesus can vindicate all the righteous dead who were not made perfect during their lifetime;

But the path of the just [is] as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. *Proverbs* 4:18

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. *Titus* 2:11-14

Then I saw that Jesus' work in the sanctuary will soon be finished. And after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the Scape Goat. Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues

will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, and takes His place upon the great white cloud. Then while the plagues are falling, the Scape Goat [Satan] is being led away. He makes a mighty struggle to escape [he tries to his utmost to tempt the 144,000 to sin], but he is held fast by the hand [of the 144,000] that leads him. If he should effect his escape [by causing God's people to sin], Israel would lose their lives. I saw that it would take time [approximately one year while the plagues are falling] to lead away the Scape Goat into the land of forgetfulness after the sins were put on his head. *Spalding and Magan, page 2*

To further understand the significance of the Angel of *Revelation 20:1-3*, the work of the 144,000, we need to begin with the Angel of *Revelation 18*. Notice the language used when this angel is introduced;

And after these things **I saw another angel come down from heaven**, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. *Revelation 18:1* (emphasis supplied)

The angel of the verse just quoted is recognized as the “fourth” angel, because it is “another” in the series of the three angels of *Revelation 14*, and yet it is the sixth in the sequence of the seven angels. Now we will proceed to the very next instance where virtually the same phraseology is used as was employed to designate the “fourth” angel. However, this last angel is not said to “follow” in the succession. It is set apart, in one respect, from the other angels, yet it represents the culmination of the message of all seven angels;

And **I saw an angel come down from heaven**, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. *Revelation 20:1* (emphasis supplied)



The language used in *Revelation* 18:1 and 20:1 is almost identical. But even so, the Angel of *Revelation* 20 is not generally recognized as being the last in the sequence of messages. When rightly understood, this angel completes the progression, and illustrates the consummation of the plan of salvation being worked out on Earth. When the demonstration of this last angel is concluded, our Lord will be perfectly justified before the entire universe in finally putting an end to sin and unrepentant sinners, and giving the righteous their reward of eternal life.

Moreover, in conjunction with these last two angels of the sequence, we need to be aware of the angels that are described in *Revelation* 14:14-20. The scenario set forth in these verses is an illustration of the crowning accomplishment of the messages of the Angels of Revelation Chapters 18 and 20;

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud [one] sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out from the altar, which had power [authority] over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast [it] into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand [and] six hundred furlongs. *Revelation 14:14-20*

Commentating on *Revelation 14:13-16*, Uriah Smith gives us this counsel;

It will be noticed that in this line of prophecy, three angels precede the Son of man on the white cloud, and three are introduced after that symbol. The opinion has already been expressed that literal angels are engaged in the scenes here described. The first three have charge of the three special messages, and may also symbolize a body of religious teachers. The message of the fourth angel is evidently to be uttered after the Son of man, having finished his priestly work, takes his seat upon the white cloud, but before he appears in the clouds of heaven. As the language is addressed to Him who is seated upon the white cloud, having in his hand a sharp sickle ready to reap, it must denote a message or prayer on the part of the church, after their work for the world is done and probation has ceased, and nothing remains but for the Lord to appear and take his people to himself. ... *Daniel and the Revelation*, 1897 edition, page 678

Elder Smith, in his interpretation of these verses leaves a little room for the possibility of a future clarification of the ideas expressed. Verse 14 is an illustration of Jesus and the angels preparing for the Second Coming. At the same time, the angel of verse 15 is denoted as “crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud”. This angel is depicted as informing Jesus that the ministry for the salvation of sinners is finished and the harvest is ready to be reaped. This is the culmination of the Loud Cry message. And then in verse 16 the Second Coming is portrayed with the

harvest of the righteous as set forth in *Matthew* 13:39 and 24:31;

The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.  
*Matthew* 13:39

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. *Matthew* 24:31

There is a thousand year period between verses 16 and 17. At the end of the millennium “another angel [comes] out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle”. It is Christ who holds the sickle, demonstrating that He is in charge of the harvest. This is another portrayal of Jesus along with His literal angels preparing for the harvest of the wicked;

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. *Matthew* 13:41, 42

Then in verse 18 we see the Angel coming “out from the altar which had power [authority] over fire”. He also “cry[s] with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle”. The saints have gone over the books for 1,000 years and determined that God has been just in all His dealings as relating to the salvation of man. The judgment is finished and the punishment of the wicked has been determined.

Now it is time for the harvest of the wicked, and their punishment is the lake of fire. This is the consummation

of the corroboration of the 144,000. By their irrefutable demonstration, after the close of probation, they prove that the law can be kept through faith in Jesus, thereby vindicating the standard for the judgment;

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all.

For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. *James 2:10-12*

The 144,000 in turn, being a kind of first-fruits, are symbolic of all the righteous. All of the redeemed will sit in the judgment with Jesus;

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. *Revelation 14:4*

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. *Revelation 20:4*

Finally in verses 19 and 20 we have the harvest of the grapes of wrath and their doom illustrated. Sin and sinners will be no more and God will recreate “new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness”.

Uriah Smith gives this commentary on verses 17-20;

This can hardly be applied at the time of the second advent; for events are here given in chronological order; and the destruction of the wicked would be contemporaneous with the gathering of the righteous. Again, the living wicked at Christ's coming drink of the "cup" of his indignation; but this passage brings to view the time when they perish in the "winepress" of his wrath, which is said to be trodden "without the city" answering completely to the description of Rev.20:9; and this latter expression would more naturally denote their complete and final destruction.

The angel comes out of the temple, where the records are kept and the punishment is determined. The other angel has power over fire. This may have some connection with the fact that fire is the element by which the wicked are at last to be destroyed, although, to carry out the figure, the wicked, having been likened to the clusters of the vine of the earth, are said to be cast into the great winepress, which is trodden without the city. And blood comes out of the winepress, even to the horses' bridles. ... As the first four angels of this series denoted a marked movement on the part of the people of God, the last two may denote the same: for the saints are to have some part to act in meeting out and executing the final punishment of the wicked. 1Cor.6:2; Ps.149:9. *Daniel and the Revelation*, 1897 edition, pages 679-680

Every created being in the universe is indeed waiting for the manifestation of the 144,000. God has always maintained that His law is "holy, and just, and good", and can, and must be obeyed by all His children. The 144,000 will finally vindicate the throne of God by proving that our Lord is right and just in His requirement. Satan's accusation that the law cannot be kept will be proved to be false, and the controversy will be ended.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people **from** their sins.  
*Matthew 1:21* (emphasis supplied)

# Conclusion

We have shown conclusively that the work of the Angel of Revelation 20 follows in perfect progression from the Loud Cry of the Angel of Revelation 18. The Loud Cry Angel, in turn, is the culmination of the Three Angel's Messages of Revelation 14. They began their work upon the announcement of the beginning of the remnant church by the Angel of Revelation 10. And they all proceeded successively after the announcement of the three woes by the Angel of Revelation 8:13.

The Third Angel's Message and the Loud Cry of the Fourth Angel has been directly connected with the Third Woe. The Third Woe has been shown to deal with the spread of Islam and its influence on the Image of the Beast and the death decree with the Papacy instigating the movements from behind the scenes.

The number seven signifies the perfect completion of the messages of the Seven Angels of Revelation. This is the final warning to an apostate church, and an impenitent world. Every Christian in the world will be given the opportunity to know the truth and receive the Seal of God.

The vast majority will reject that opportunity, and accept the Mark of the Beast and will be lost for all eternity. It is time to put away our pride of opinion, our love of the praises of men, our love of the world, and allow Jesus into our hearts. Only He is the way, the truth, and the life, and He is giving one last call to all humanity before probation closes. Soon, very soon, it will be forever too late. Now is the time to make your calling and election sure.

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. *Revelation 18:1-4*

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. *Revelation 3:20-22*





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